

GLOSSARY

USA COMMENTS

Emerging disease

means a ~~disease newly recognised~~ infection which has a significant impact on animal or public health resulting from: ~~the evolution or~~

= a genetic change of an known existing pathogenic agent; ~~a known infection or its~~ spreading to a new geographic hydrographic area or species population; or

= a newly ~~previously unrecognised or suspected~~ pathogenic agent ~~or disease diagnosed for the first time~~ and which has a significant impact on aquatic animal or public health.

Rationale: Deleting the word “evolution” from the original text removed the context of the change in the pathogenic agent. Adding “genetic” replaces that intent. Additionally, aquatic animal pathogens spread to hydrographic, not geographic, areas.

Susceptible species

means a species of aquatic animal in which infection has been demonstrated by natural cases or by experimental exposures to the pathogenic agent that mimics ~~the~~ natural pathways ~~for infection~~. ~~Each disease chapter in the Aquatic Code and the Aquatic Manual contains a list of currently known susceptible species.~~

Veterinarian

means a graduate of a nationally recognized or accredited institution of higher education that awards a veterinary degree, which allows the graduate to be person with appropriate education, registered or licensed by the relevant *veterinary statutory body* of a country to practice veterinary medicine/science in that country.

Rationale: “Appropriate education” is somewhat ambiguous and should be clearly defined. The USA notes that not all countries have statutes that require a veterinarian be registered or licensed to practice veterinary medicine. In addition, in some countries (including the USA) veterinarians may legally be employed by Federal or State agencies or at universities to perform veterinary tasks under the auspices of that agency or university only, although such veterinarians may not possess a State license to practice clinical medicine privately. We believe that the term “relevant veterinary statutory body” is broad enough to cover these situations.

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